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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ 9/18/2008
TSAC Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 p.m.
State Capitol
- ⇒ 10/12-10/14/2008
TASFAA Fall Conference
Nashville, TN
- ⇒ 2/22/2009
College Goal Sunday

TSAC Board of Directors Meeting Set for September 18

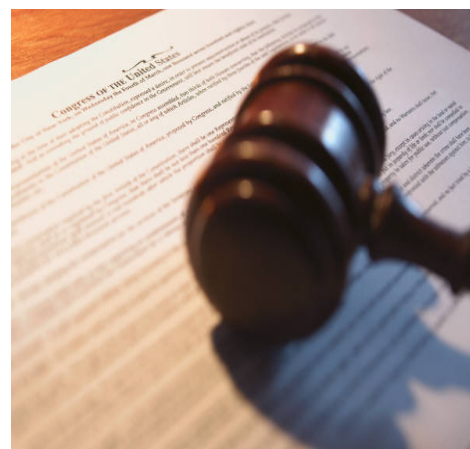
The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation Board of Directors meeting is set to take place September 18 at the State Capitol Building in Nashville, TN. The meeting will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Members of the Board will tackle a variety of decision items including the adoption of TSAA Program Parameters for 2009-10 as well as the consideration of proposed rules for the Helping Heroes Grant, Tennessee Rural Health Scholarship, and the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) Program. A budget request will also be proposed by the Business Affairs department.

The discussion items for the meeting include a brief status report provided by the directors at TSAC, which will update Board Members on new programs, procedures and future goals. The updates will include reports from the Grants and Scholarships division, Loan Administration and Communications Services. Additionally, a 2008 General Assembly Legislative Report will be presented by the Legal Affairs department.

Copies of the September Board Meeting agenda will be mailed to Board Members by September 8 in preparation for the meeting on September 18. A copy of the agenda will also be posted on TSAC's website at www.CollegePaysTN.com

Board members are encouraged to RSVP as soon as plans are made to attend the meeting. For more information, contact TSAC by phone at 615-741-1346.



The TSAC Board of Directors will convene at the State Capitol Building on September 18. TSAC Board Meetings are generally held twice a year with meetings in March and September. Agendas for the meetings are available on TSAC's website at www.CollegePaysTN.com.

2009 College Goal Sunday

Locations Announced

T SAC's fourth annual College Goal Sunday event is set to take place February 22, 2009 at various locations across the state of Tennessee. Nearly 30 schools and institutions across the state have agreed to serve as host sites for the event.

College Goal Sunday is a volunteer, charitable effort to assist low-income families and those who do not have a college-going tradition. Specifically, the event is geared at helping families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is a nationwide requirement in order to qualify for financial aid.

The event is offered free-of-charge to families of prospective college students who seek financial aid and assistance completing the financial aid paperwork. Financial aid experts across the state will volunteer their time at selected sites to help families in completing the necessary forms.

For more information regarding College Goal Sunday, visit TSAC's website at www.CollegePaysTN.com and click on the "College Goal Sunday" icon. The locations for the event are displayed in the list below.

Last year's College Goal Sunday event was held at 33 sites across the state of Tennessee. The response from the community was tremendous with approximately 375 volunteers and 2,100 students and family members in attendance. Participation in the event increased 47 percent from the previous year. The Compliance staff at TSAC is expecting another great year.



ATHENS

TN Technology Center at Athens

BLOUNTVILLE

Northeast State Community College

BRISTOL

National College of Business & Technology

CHATTANOOGA

Chattanooga State Tech Community College

CLARKSVILLE

Austin Peay State University

CLEVELAND

Cleveland State Community College

COLUMBIA

Columbia State Community College

COOKEVILLE

Tennessee Tech University

COVINGTON

TN Technology Center at Covington

CRUMP

TN Technology Center at Crump

DECATURVILLE

Riverside High School

DYERSBURG

Dyersburg State Community College

EVENSVILLE

Rhea County High School

GALLATIN

Volunteer State Community College

GREENEVILLE

Tusculum College

HARROGATE

Lincoln Memorial University

JACKSON

Lambuth University

LYNCHBURG

Motlow State Community College

KNOXVILLE

Pellissippi State Tech Community College
Johnson Bible College

LEBANON

Cumberland University

MCMINNVILLE

TN Technology Center at McMinnville

MCKENZIE

TN Technology Center at McKenzie

MEMPHIS

Lemoyne Owen College
Southwest TN Community College
(Macon Cove Campus)
TN Technology Center at Memphis
White Station High School

MURFREESBORO

Middle TN State University

MILLINGTON

Millington High School

NASHVILLE

Nashville State Community College
Watkins College of Art and Design

OAK RIDGE

Roane State Community College
(Oak Ridge Campus)

PULASKI

Martin Methodist College

WAVERLY

Nashville State Community College
(Waverly Campus)

WHITEVILLE

TN Technology Center at Whiteville

October 2008 TSAC College Fair Schedule

Oct. 1	Roane & Morgan County College Fair	Oct. 14	Bedford Countywide College Fair
Oct. 1	Father Ryan High School College Fair	Oct. 15	Grainger County College Fair
Oct. 1	Williamson Countywide Fair	Oct. 15	Blount Countywide College Fair
Oct. 2	Scott High School College Fair	Oct. 16	Seymour High School College Fair
Oct. 2	Oneida High School College Fair	Oct. 16	Pigeon Forge High School College Fair
Oct. 2	Rhea County College Fair	Oct. 16	Grundy County College Fair
Oct. 2	Pope John Paul II High School College Fair	Oct. 17	Sevier County High School College Fair
Oct. 2	Sumner County College Fair	Oct. 17	Gatlinburg-Pittman HS College Fair
Oct. 6	Oak Ridge High School College Fair	Oct. 17	Elliston Baptist Academy College Fair
Oct. 6	NSSFNS- Memphis Citywide College Fair	Oct. 20	Cumberland Countywide College Fair
Oct. 7	Carson Newman College Fair	Oct. 20	Macon County College Fair
Oct. 7	Knox Catholic College Fair	Oct. 20	Bolton High School College Fair
Oct. 7	Webb College Fair	Oct. 20	Agri-Center College Fair
Oct. 7	Bearden/Farragut High School College Fair	Oct. 21	Upper Cumberland College Fair
Oct. 7	NSSFNS- Memphis Citywide College Fair	Oct. 21	Bartlett High School College Fair
Oct. 8	Powell High School College Fair	Oct. 22	Sequatchie Co. High School College Fair
Oct. 8	Karns High Schools College Fair	Oct. 22	Northwest Tennessee College Fair
Oct. 8	NSFNS- Memphis Citywide College Fair	Oct. 23	Jackson Area College Fair
Oct. 9	Halls High School College Fair	Oct. 23	Tipton Countywide College Fair
Oct. 9	Arlington High School College Fair	Oct. 24	Tipton- Rosemark Academy College Fair
Oct. 13	Cannon County College Fair	Oct. 27	Rossville Christian School College Fair
Oct. 13	Rutherford County College Fair	Oct. 27	Millington Central HS College Fair
Oct. 14	Lenoir City High School College Fair	Oct. 28	Fayette-Ware High School College Fair
Oct. 14	SMCA College Fair	Oct. 29	Harding Academy College Fair
Oct. 14	Coffee County College Fair		



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Meet Indrani Ojha: TSAC's Student Information Systems Analyst

It is probably safe to say that Indrani Ojha, TSAC's Student Information Systems Analyst, knows more about the universe than most people. Not only has she earned a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics, she has also published nearly 175 research papers for a variety of physics journals across the world.

Indrani began work at TSAC in December 2007. In her role at TSAC, she has been given the task of developing a Student Information System for the Grant and Scholarship and Loan Administration Departments. She said that her job has allowed her to develop fresh ideas regarding her work.

"I decided to begin a career in Higher Education at TSAC because it was a new challenge," she said. "I love the independence and challenges that are presented to me while trying to start TSAC's Student Information System from scratch."

Prior to her time at TSAC, Indrani was employed at Vanderbilt University for six years as a Research Scientist. More recently, she was employed at the Tennessee Department of Health as a programmer and analyst.

On a personal note, Indrani has been married to her husband, Gopal, for 27 years. They have two children, Niharika (25) and Ekarshi (24).

In her spare time, she enjoys interior decorating, painting and watching movies. She also enjoys watching the news and the Discovery Channel on television. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and listening to music. Although she does not consider herself to be a "sports person", she does enjoy watching lawn tennis and soccer on television.

Originally from India, Indrani currently resides with her husband in Nashville, TN.



Comments from Indrani:

I love independent thinking and TSAC has provided me with that opportunity. TSAC has also given me the opportunity to work in the Higher Education field, which I believe is very important.

Employee Spotlight